

# Leader's Guide



## Just One Team

Four missions experiences on ways mission teams and kids can minister to people on the move

**Location:** Thailand

**Focus verse:** Psalm 139:3 “You observe my travels and my rest; You are aware of all my ways.”

**Overall message:** International World Changers (IWC) provides students with opportunities to change the world, one trip and one project at a time. Recently, a teenager named Olivia and her IWC team connected with migrant workers in Thailand, teaching English, ministering to children and telling Bible stories. Olivia learned how to make people feel special and show them how much Jesus loves them. All kids can learn to support the mission work in Thailand, but also to be on mission by showing friendship and acceptance to people moving in and out of their own communities.

This leader's guide includes plans for four, short missions experiences that can be added to your existing programs or events:



**Cultural experience**



**Prayer experience**



**Giving experience**



**Serving experience**

- Each of these missions experiences is designed to last 10 to 15 minutes.
- Use these as an addition to a weekly meeting or combine for a longer missions focus.
- Customize these resources to fit your needs.
- [Note: If you are using the DVD-ROM, all videos and handouts are included. Please follow the directions on the cover to access all files.]

**Here is a simple glossary that may be useful to you as you communicate these ideas to children:**

**Mission(s)** — A job God gives a person He has chosen to tell another group of people the Good News about Jesus. The person God sends is called a missionary.

**Missionary** — A Christian chosen by God who obeys His command to go and tell another group of people the Good News about Jesus. (Preschool version) A Christian chosen by God who obeys and goes to tell another group of people about Jesus.

**People group** — A group of people who share the same language and way of life.

**IMB (International Mission Board)** — A group created by Southern Baptist churches in one sacred effort to share Jesus with people around the world who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity to know and follow Him.



# Just One Team Cultural Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), prepare to show the **Reaching the migrant workers** video.
- Download and print one **Thailand map** and the **Just One Team focus verse**.
- Provide an assortment of art/craft supplies: scraps of craft foam, newspaper, mailing wrap, construction paper, straws or unsharpened pencils, cardboard and masking tape.
- Bring a small stuffed animal.

## Introduction

Form groups of 3-4 kids. Tell groups they have five minutes to use the resources at hand to construct a “house” large enough to shelter your stuffed animal. (It might be easier for younger children to build with wooden or plastic blocks.) When groups finish, test the structures for size by sliding the stuffed animal inside. Commend kids for their creative construction skills. Display the **Thailand map** and comment that the life of a migrant (traveling) worker in Thailand involves living in temporary shelters and moving frequently from job to job. Often, their shelters are as basic as the ones the kids have built.

## Ministering to migrants

- Show kids the **Reaching the migrant workers** video. Lead kids to pay special attention to the ways Olivia’s mission team showed love to people in migrant communities.
- Read the **Just One Team focus verse** and explain that God cares deeply about these people.
- Review with a charades game. Invite a volunteer to act out one way the team ministered to the people in migrant communities. The first person to guess the action may be the next actor. (*Prompts if kids need help: teaching at a school, coloring with kids, making bead bracelets, gathering kids to pose for pictures and videos, teaching the Bible, playing with face paint, stringing bead bracelets, performing skits.*)
- Point out that as they were having fun with the children of migrant workers, Olivia and her team were able to share simple but important truths about God’s love.

## Pray

Pray that the migrant children remember what they learned from the IWC team and continue to discover more about the one true God through the Christian workers who live there.





# Just One Team Prayer Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), prepare to show the **Life of a migrant family** video.
- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), download and print the **Just One Team focus verse**, if it's not already displayed in your room.

## Recap

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## Wherever you go, there He is!

- If kids have participated in the cultural experience, lead them to recall the definition of a migrant worker (workers who travel wherever jobs are available).
- Show kids the **Life of a migrant worker** video. Before the video begins, encourage kids to watch carefully for ways migrant families' lives are different from their own.
- Ask: *What do you think makes a migrant family's life difficult? Would it be hard for you to change homes every time your parents moved to a new construction site?*
- Display the **Just One Team focus verse**. Lead kids to think of motions that represent key words from Psalm 139:3. (For example, for "observe" kids might put their hands to the eyes like binoculars.) Say the verse aloud together while they do the motions.
- Ask: *How could you help a migrant child understand that God is with him, no matter where his family travels?*

## Prayer time

- Invite kids to suggest ways they could pray for migrant families in Thailand and Christian teams who work with them.
- Replay the **Life of a migrant worker** video, pausing the video at the first prayer prompt screen. Encourage kids to pray silently in their own words. After a few moments, advance to the next prayer prompt and repeat. At the end of the video, encourage kids to pray silently for some of the other things they mentioned.
- Suggest that each time kids see a construction crew, they pause to pray for migrant families in Thailand.





# Just One Team Giving Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), download and print a copy of **The right stuff** for each child.

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## Migrant family needs

- If kids have not viewed the **Reaching the migrant workers** and **Life of a migrant family** videos from the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), show them now. Review with kids how daily life for a migrant family is different from their own.
- Distribute **The right stuff**. Lead kids to mark whether the items on the “shopping list” would be appropriate or inappropriate for a family that lives in limited space and temporary shelters.
- Invite volunteers to share other ideas for meeting migrant families' physical and practical needs.

## Giving the right stuff

- Say: *When you are not sure what kind of things certain people need, you can collect and send money to missionaries who work with those people.*
- Explain that IMB missionaries working with a particular people group know firsthand what those people need. Money gifts make it possible for the missionary to purchase and provide “the right stuff” to the right people.
- Describe how your church gives money to missions (*seasonal offerings, a portion of operating funds, special collections for mission teams, etc.*). Encourage kids to give money to mission offerings when opportunities arise.

## Pray

Ask God to provide enough funds for IMB missionaries to provide the right things to migrant families at exactly the right time.





# Just One Team Serving Experience



## Prepare

- From the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), download and print a copy of **Glad you're here!** for each child.
- Provide pencils and markers.
- (Optional) Bring one small gift bag per child and an assortment of nonperishable treats and candies.

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## Life on the move

- If kids have not viewed the **Reaching the migrant workers** and **Life of a migrant family** videos from the DVD-ROM or [kidsonmission.org](http://kidsonmission.org), show them now. Review with kids how daily life for a migrant family is different from their own.
- Ask: *Would you enjoy moving to a new place several times a year? Would moving often make it hard to get an education? Would making friends be easy or difficult? Why?*
- Invite kids who have recently moved to a new town or school to describe how it felt to be the “new kid.”

## Glad you're here!

- Suggest that kids take the lead in making newcomers feel welcome in their neighborhoods and at your church.
- Give everyone a copy of **Glad you're here!** Show kids how to fold the sheet in quarters to make a booklet. Guide kids to write or draw in each panel of the booklet.
- As kids work, ask: *If you were a new kid at our church or your school, what would you need to know? How would you want to be treated? What would make you feel lonely or uncomfortable?* Help kids recognize how they can help newcomers feel comfortable and welcome.
- (Option) Drop the finished booklets inside gift bags. Add nonperishable treats and encourage kids to give the “new kid kits” to a new arrival at church or school.

## Pray

Ask God to give kids a desire to help new acquaintances feel loved and welcomed, in order to share Jesus with them.





# Just One Team Going Further



## More ideas using this theme

- Download and print the **Just One Team parent letter**. Give to parents so they can continue investigating this theme as a family.
- Find and share other IWC videos, information and resources available at **imbstudents.org**.
- Invite students from your church to talk to kids about a recent mission trip or IWC project.
- Play this game, then debrief how it feels to be an “outsider” (such as a migrant kid who has just moved to a new city or school): Choose a volunteer to step outside the room. Quietly and secretly huddle with the other kids to choose an everyday item. Instruct kids to take turns talking about the item when the volunteer returns, but substitute the nonsense word *schnoodle* for the item. Example (shoes): *When I am in a hurry, I don't tie my schnoodles. I saw a schoodle in the middle of the road—it must have fallen from a car. Once I went to school with schnoodles that didn't match.* Challenge the outsider to guess the item.
- Don't forget to visit **kidsonmission.org** for more activities and KOM experiences you might have missed. Also, like us on Facebook and see how other churches are using KOM.

